

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti “Follow Me”



On the 26th of each month – please pray for the 43 students & their families who were abducted in Mexico

No matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey, you're welcome here.

May 24, 2015

10:00 am

Pentecost Sunday



*An open and affirming community
committed to peace and justice*

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP & LIFE TOGETHER: We invite you to participate in this community of faith. If you are a visitor for the first time, please fill out the welcome pad being passed around. We invite you to join us for Friendship Time (refreshments and conversation) at the conclusion of worship.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN so that they may come to understand the worship experience. Families are encouraged to talk about the parts of worship so children may understand and participate. During the worship service we have a time for children with the minister on the rug in the center of the worship space followed by Sunday school (September-May).

Hymns are found in the following books:

NCH (Black, hardcover "New Century Hymnal")
Sing! (Black, softcover, "Sing! Prayer and Praise" songbook)
ES (Green, softcover "Everflowing Streams" songbook)

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP



Pentecost

Invitation

*All people are welcome to participate in this community of faith
If you have questions about becoming a member of this church, please speak
with the Pastor or any member of the Community.*

Prelude

Steve McGhee

***Gathering Hymn "Shout the Name of Christ Who Lives" 234 NCH - Steve McGhee**

Welcome

Wayne Burling

*Guests, please complete a Visitor Card and place in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit.
We hope you will join us for Friendship Time and refreshments after the service.*

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

****Please rise in body or spirit as you are able***

Announcements

Wayne Burling

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Ring the Bell

***Hymn**

“Hail, O Festal Day!”

262 NCH

Call to Worship (Unison)

Wayne Burling

One: The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together,
Will the works of God be known among us today?

Many: **God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind.
Around and within us is emptiness**

One: God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind.
Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.

Many: **There are stirrings deep within that give us hope.
There is a Spirit linking us to one another.**

One: The first of love dispel life's shadows.
God's Spirit comes to give us new life.

Many: **Surely God is in this place!
May the glory of God be known among us today!**

Anthem

“Rain Down”

FCC Choir

LISTENING FOR GOD

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 104:24-34

Wayne Burling

Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me”

327 NCH

Children's Time

children are invited to come forward

Carol Hall

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Carol Hall

Reflection

“Spirit Among Us”

Carol Hall

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

Prayers of the People

Carol Hall

*All are invited to offer a prayer, testimony, praise report or prayer request at this time.
Please limit your sharing to one or two sentences and remember confidentiality issues.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) -- Alternate Version

Carol Hall

When we say the Lord's Prayer, please feel free to follow the traditional form or use language that feels comfortable to you, e.g. Mother, Creator, God, Friend, or Realm, Kindom, Wisdom.

Offering this prayer in unison brings us together and the words illustrate our common journey

Holy Parent,
Who dwells within,
All in All
In you I live, and move, and have my being.
Wholeness is your name –
Your realm is here and now.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And help us let go of all grievances,
As we extend our love to others.
Lead us not into illusions of separation,
As you help us transcend our ego thoughts.
Surround us with your healing light,
For you are eternal truth and love.
Forever. Amen.

RESPONDING TO OUR CALLING

Invitation to the Offering (Unison)

Wayne Burling

God opens a kind and loving hand to fill us with good things. The face of the ground is continually renewed each year so we can reap its bounty. Likewise, our spirits are renewed. Our offerings are but a small expression of our thanks. - “Led by Love”, Lavon Bayler

Offertory

Steve McGhee

***Doxology**

“Take My Gifts”

562 NCH

*Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter, Gave me life and set me free,
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
Now the bread of love is rising, Loaves of love to multiply!*

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Wayne Burling

How great are your works, God. When there are difficult times in our lives, we can look to you for new breath and hope. The Holy Spirit comes, and we are lifted up and linked to one another. We bring our offerings as an expression of thanksgiving for all your gifts. May your glory be proclaimed in all we give and all we do, when we are together and when we scatter to do your will in other places. Amen. - “Led by Love”, Lavon Bayler

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

***Hymn of Departure**

“This Is The Day”

84 NCH

***Benediction**

Carol Hall

One: God’s spirit is being poured out on this church.
We carry it with us into our everyday world.
Many: **With joy and amazement we scatter to serve.**
God’s love is changing us and granting new life. Amen.

Postlude

Steve McGhee

(Please be seated for the Postlude)

Passing the Peace

Share a greeting with your neighbor as we transition to our snack.

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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Our Volunteers	Today: May 24 th	Next Sunday: May 31 st
Usher	Marty Kleino	Jamie Goldsmith
Preaching	Carol Hall	Carol Hall
Worship Leader	Wayne Burling	Donna Eyster
Worship Set-up	Margaret Harner	Margaret Harner
Acolyte	Hunter Turner	Desayre Penn
Friendship Time	Glenda Horvath	Melanie Harner
Sunday School	Anne Marie N-T	No Sunday School Scheduled

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Glenda Horvath, 734-904-0420

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: kindly remember in your prayers our members and friends who are sick and/or shut-in. Send a card or note to lift their spirits and yours as well.

Fran Pebbles' address: *American Homes Carpenter, 3470 Carpenter Rd., Apt 332, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Phone: 734-975-0987*

Sally Dusbiber's address': *Silver Maples of Chelsea, Room 1211, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118. Sally's direct phone line is 734-433-2396 and the Silver Maples line is 734-475-4111, x217.*

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (WICIR): For information about what's happening with Immigrant Rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Margaret Harner at 734-483-3464 or through their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WICIR>.

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION: For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition**, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Wayne Burling at 734-377-0696. More information can be found on their website <http://www.mi-onc.org> or on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/onami/>

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION: "First Congregational is a co-founding institution of the new local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. The diverse faith congregations and labor and community organizations that make up WeROC are, at our core, focused on intentionally reweaving the frayed fabric of community -- at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated and on our own. We are showing by example that people from many backgrounds and perspectives can, even today, come together in powerful ways around our common values and *actually change* unjust public policies. WeROC is a part of the S.E. Michigan organization MOSES and the national Gamaliel Foundation.
See Tad Wysor (tadwysor@gmail.com, 734 883 3225) for more on how First Congregational is connecting with current WeROC issues and actions.

OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.ypsiucc.org> Let Wayne know if you have any additional items to be added. He could use lots more pictures. Also check out and like our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-Ypsilanti/115695119913>.

KROGER FUNDRAISER: HAVE YOU RE-REGISTERED WITH KROGER!! Everybody that shops at Kroger and has a shopper's card **MUST** register. **Last Year's registration expires May 1st** and you are not getting credit for you purchases until you re-register for the current year.

Go to www.kroger.com and click "REGISTER". Follow prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link to the **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83263**, or you can find our name in drop down list. Any questions contact Barbara Garland, bargarland@yahoo.com, 734-662-5803.